

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the Nation in declaring May as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 42nd Anniversary of the passage of the "Older Americans Act" by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, America's aging population reached a turning point in 2006 as one of our nation's largest generations, the baby boomers, started turning 60—becoming eligible for programs under the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, this year's national theme of Older Americans Month, "*Making Choices for a Healthier Future*," reflects a continued commitment to help our nation prepare for a larger aging population, and to bolster the efforts of baby boomers and older adults to achieve healthy aging—maintaining the dignity they deserve and providing them with more opportunities to live longer independently while contributing to communities they cherish; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina wishes to celebrate the many contributions of its nearly 1.5 million citizens age sixty and older, their families, and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has created the NCRx program to provide low-income seniors with prescription drug assistance; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina supports the creation of Livable and Senior-Friendly Communities across the state to enhance and encourage healthy aging of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, May has traditionally been celebrated with tributes to older persons through ceremonies, events, fairs and other activities at Senior Centers and other locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2007, "**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens of this State to pay special tribute to our older population, their families, and providers of aging services.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at Raleigh this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.